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Watch Red Squabble From Sideline: Dulles

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The United States should sit on the sidelines — "with maybe a cynical smile"—and closely watch the Russian-Red Chinese word battle, Allen Welsh Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said in Denver.

Dulles was key speaker Saturday night at the sixth Friends of the Denver Public Library annual dinner in the Main Library.

The 71-year-old former spy chief said during a press conference in the Brown Palace Hotel that the Soviet-Sino rift is one of "serious" proportions.

"It definitely weakens the world Communist movement," he said.

'Khrushchev Angry'

"Khrushchev is very angry at Mao because the Chinese leader is trying to split the Communist world and weaken Moscow's power," he said. "It's a matter we ought to watch, but I don't think we could do anything to promote it."

Concerning the recently published interview of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, by Scripps-Howard Reporter Jim Lucas, Dulles said "I think his (the general's) statement was unfortunate. And I think the time during which it was published was unfortunate."

Dulles said two British foreign office aides who later defected to Russia may have been able to pick up various information sent to Gen. MacArthur from Washington, D.C., at the time of the Korean War and transmit this information to Russia and Red China.



Allen Dulles

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The two aides, Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess, were not known to be spies at the time MacArthur's strategic plans were allegedly being turned over to the Chinese Communists, but were top-ranking British diplomats with access to the highest levels of the foreign office.

Dulles has served in diplomatic, legal and intelligence posts under the last eight U.S. Presidents, beginning with President Woodrow Wilson and retiring under President Kennedy in 1961.

Entered Service

He entered the U.S. diplomatic service in 1916.

Dulles, a member of the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President

Kennedy, said the commission's report will be released "within the next two or three months, probably in June."

CIA chief from 1953 to 1961 Dulles said he has no political plans and would rather not comment on the upcoming presidential election.

"I have a great preference — I'm a Republican — but I think it's a little early to bring them up," he said.

Book Published

The author of several books, Dulles' most recent volume is "The Craft of Intelligence," published in 1963. He said the book is doing well, having gone through four printings.

Dulles was a cordial host earlier Saturday as the May-D&F book department downtown staged an autograph party for his latest book.

Dulles, as spry as most any spy, keeps fit by playing tennis. He also likes to relax with one of Ian Fleming's James Bond mysteries, or the works of Erle Stanley Gardner or Agatha Christie.